



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 17 October 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.30pm

Legislation

[For full text of bills and other associated documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 October 2006]
- ❑ Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 October 2006]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment Bill 2006

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006—[2 Government amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

Notice of motion

To introduce a bill

A notice of motion was given by Senator Ludwig to introduce the Crimes Amendment (Victim Impact Statements) Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

See *Documents* for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

The Economics Committee tabled additional information arising from the 2004-05 budget estimates

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Economics Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 19 October 2006 from 3.30pm for the committee's inquiry into petrol pricing in Australia.

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines:

- A [notice](#) was given to extend various reporting deadlines of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting:

- Several [notices](#) were given to authorise various committees to meet during the sitting of the Senate

Membership

The Senate appointed Senator Bernardi to replace Senator Mason as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee for the period 23 October to 22 December 2006.

Other debates and motions

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Anti-Poverty Week](#)—moved by Senators Siewert and Bartlett
- [Arab-Israeli conflict](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [Climate change](#) and water resources in Australia—moved by Senators Siewert and Bartlett
- [Reports of incidents in the Himalayas](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown

The Senate discussed issues relating to [Australians living in poverty](#), raised by Senators Evans, Bartlett and Siewert as a matter of public importance [[first speaker](#)]

